

2015 Peer Counseling Training Application Process

Beginning February 2, 2015, the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery will be using a very different system for applying for peer counseling trainings. The biggest changes are:

- Applications will no longer be sent to DBHR (unless stated on our webpage).
- Applications are sent directly to the training you are interested in attending.
- Trainers will approve participants and select classes.

All trainings and requirements will be posted on the DBHR Peer Support webpage. A contact person and address is listed for mailing applications.

Why has the process changed?

- To respond to feedback from both applicants and trainers.
- To eliminate outdated information and inaccurate waiting lists.
- To allow for a faster class acceptance process.
- To allow direct communication with trainers.
- To allow trainers more flexibility in creating quality, balanced classes.

What if I have already sent my application or I am on a waiting list? We will return applications with directions to send them directly to the trainers.

There are no trainings listed yet that I am interested in. What should I do with my application? DBHR will no longer process applications. You will submit your application when a desired training is available.

Do I have preference if I am on a waiting list? The most qualified applicants are selected for each training. There is no preference for older applications. However, applications submitted as soon as trainings are available are more likely to be accepted.

What if I am interested in more than one training? You may send in applications for as many trainings as you wish.

Can I apply for a training out of my area? Yes, but only for the state trainings conducted by CVAB. If you are from a rural area, or have travel support needs, you may contact CVAB for information about assistance with accommodations and meals.

What is the process for the Youth/Family training? All applications will be accepted by Washington State University, as described on the website. A waiting list may be kept for these trainings.

What application should I use? There is a new application in process that should be posted by March 1, 2015. New application forms must be used after April 1, 2015.

Please see our Peer Support main page for more information: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/bhsia/division-behavioral-health-and-recovery/peer-support>.